The claims amounting to Rs. 89.47 crores for 1995-96 are pending on account of examination/verification and non-receipt of 1/3rd share of State Government.

Grievance Cell of K.V.S.

*430 SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any designated Grievance Officer heading at head-quarters, the grivance cell of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to redress the grievances of employees;

(b) if so, the details of the grievances redressed since the inception of the grievance cell;

(c) whether there are some grievances against the Grievance Cell of the H.Q. of K.V.S.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 472 grievances relating to fixation of pay, counting of past service, confirmation/seniority/promotion etc. have been redressed/disposed off up to 30th June, 1996.

(c) and (d) A grievance against the Grievance Cell of the Headquarter of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was received regarding non-disposal of an appeal made by a teacher. The appeal has since been disposed off.

Ad hoc appointments for General Manager level Posts in Railways

431. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many posts of General Manager level continue to be manned by officers of Additional General Manager level; since when and by whom; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this ad hoc arrangement is affecting adversely the functioning and growth in various divisions of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (b) All the posts of General Managers level are at present filled up on regular basis, except that of Principal Railway Staff College, Vadodara where the Principal's post fell vacant on 30.11.1996. The incumbent posted there has not yet joined.

Launching of Agricultural Extension Schemes

*432 SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States where Agricultural Extension Scheme have been launched;

(b) whether any such scheme has been launched in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details of the coverage made under the scheme in that State;

(d) whether Government propose to expand the scheme; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) All the states.

(b) and (c) The names of the Schemes and the coveraage in Orissa are given in the Statement *(See* below)

(d) and (e) The National Agricultural Extension Project Components are now transferred to the State sector after the closure of the World Bank assistance.

In addition Government of India is providing funds for establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.